

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2433 - SB 3473

February 4, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Representatives to develop and implement a drug testing system for members of the General Assembly. Requires the system to be consistent with the provisions for a drug free workplace under Title 50, Chapter 9 and deems the General Assembly to be deemed a covered employer under that title. Requires members elected on or after November 6, 2012, to be tested before the end of the organizational session or within two weeks of being sworn into office in the same manner as job applicants under Tenn. Code Ann. § 50-9-106(a)(1). Requires that a member's refusal to submit to a drug test or a member's positive confirmed drug test be reported to the appropriate speaker. Specifies that such a member may be subject to appropriate discipline but will not be denied the seat to which the member was elected.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$11,500/FY12-13 and Biennially thereafter

Assumptions:

- According to Office of Legislative Administration (OLA), 99 House members and 16 Senate members run for election every two years, resulting in 115 members being subject to alcohol and drug testing in election years.
- According to OLA, the cost of on-site testing is \$100 per test and the cost of off-site testing is \$40 per test. It is assumed that during election years, on-site testing will be offered to members.
- During election years, the cost of testing will be \$11,500 (115 members x \$100 per test).
- During non-election years, there will not be an increase in state expenditures for drug testing.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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